(e) the reasons for sickness of such a large number of sick units and steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ISI in Jammu and Kashmir

5349. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been invited to the news item captioned "ISI sending death squads to Kashmir to disrupt polls" appearing in 'The Observer of Business and Politics' New Delhi dated August 14, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof, and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to meet this threat from Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALLASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) Government have seen the news item referred to in the question. Pakistan ISI has continued to be actively engaged in sponsoring, aiding and abetting terrorist and secessionist violence in Jammu and Kashmir and there are reports of efforts to step up the violence with the aim of disturbing and thwarting the electoral process in the State, including threats against the candidates contesting the elections, political leaders and workers, etc.

Government is fully alive to such designs and efforts, and action has been taken to make elaborate arrangements for the security of the contesting candidates, political leaders, election staff, polling stations, etc. and to prevent possible activities aimed at disrupting the elections through intensified vigilance, patrolling and deployment of the security forces. The situation in this regard is being continuously and closely monitored.

Thermal Power Project at Kalakot

5350. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) when the Thermal Power Plant at Kalakot in Jammu and Kashmir was commissioned, its cost, installed capacity;

(b) the amount spent on its remodelling with what results;

(c) whether this plant has been virtually under shutdown for the last ten years; if so, the reasons thereof and whether there was any schemes to make it properly operational;

(d) the amount spent to its maintenance and also on the salaries etc., of the staff since it was put under shutdown; and

(e) the electricity generated from Kalakot, if any, during the past three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) :

(a) Commissioning of the Power Plant–

I. 1st Unit 7.50 MWs = 1969
2nd Unit 7.50 MWs = 1971
3rd Unit 7.50 MWs = 1972
Total 22.50 MWs

II. Cost Rs. 402.00 lakhs on 1973 price level.

III. Capacity 22.50 MWs

(b) Remodelling not done.

(c) I. Shut-down since 1986-87.

II. Reason-The ash content in the coal available from Kalakot mines was excessively high against the ash content in earlier samples on which boilers were designed and manufactured for Thermal plant. The high ash content in the coal was not suitable for performance of boilers.

III. Scheme-Could be made operational under fluidised combustion technology.

(d) I. No maintenance.

II. Expenditure on the salaries of the staff @ Rs. 77.00 lakhs per annum.

(e) Electricity generated :

Year	Electricity generated in LUs
1980-81	42.80
1981-82	180.00
1982-83	46.70
1983-84	30.46
1984-85	Shut-down
1985-86	00.62
1986-87	Shut-down